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SUBJCT: REACTION TO PRESIDENT PAK'S APRIL 29 SPEECH

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1. THE OPPOSITION REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S APRIL 29 SPEECH ON NATIONAL SECURITY (REFTEL) HAS BEEN DISTINCTLY FAVORABLE. NDP FLOOR LEADER KIM HYONG-IL HAS TOLD US THAT SPEECH WAS A GOOD ONE, AIMED BOTH AT INSTILLING CONFIDENCE IN THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND AT WARNING THE NORTH AGAINST AN ATTACK. NDP ASSEMBLYMAN CHONG IL-HYONG TOLD US THAT THE SPEECH WAS SURPRISINGLY MODERATE AND SO DEVOID OF CRITICISM OF THE OPPOSITION AS TO BE ENTIRELY OUT OF CHARACTER WITH PAK'S RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS. NDP LEADER KIM YONG-SAM, ASKED ABOUT THE SPEECH, ONLY SMILED, WHICH MAY BE AS CLOSE AS HE CAN COME TO AN OUTRIGHT FAVORABLE REMARK ABOUT THE PRESIDENT.

2. THE PRESS AND INDIVIDUAL OBSERVERS HAVE ALSO REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE SPEECH, CHARACTERIZING IT AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND MODERATE.
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